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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11 and 14-21, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Helmut et al., in EP 0843,249.

With regard to claims 1, 8, 9, and 14, Helmut discloses a computing device including a processing system (page 3 lines 5-8, page 11 lines 43-44), an externally-accessible memory coupled to the processing system (page 11 lines 46-48), an electronic file stored in the externally-accessible memory (page 12 lines 36-39), a digital certificate generated by a manufacturer (ADA, page 5 lines 12-14) containing information uniquely associating the electronic file (application) and an identifier (COS level, page 5 lines 23-29) linked to the computing device (page 5 lines 19-22, page 4 lines 42-49), and wherein the processing system determines whether there is a valid association between a current state of the electronic file and the identifier prior to accessing the electronic file (page 13 line 55-page 14 line 11, page 5 lines 26-29).

With regard to claims 2 and 15, Helmut discloses the digital certificate stores a software signature derived from an initial state of the electronic file (page 14 lines 9-11).

With regard to claims 3-5 and 16-20, Helmut discloses the software signature comprises a hash of the initial state of the electronic file, encrypted responsive to the identifier (page 13 lines 46-51).

With regard to claim 6 and 7, Helmut discloses the file is a data file and program (page 14 lines 25-28)

With regard to claim 10, Helmut discloses the certificate includes execution parameters associated with the electronic file (page 14 lines 12-24).

With regard to claims 11 and 21, Helmut discloses the digital certificate further includes information associating the electronic file with an application program (page 8 lines 33-49).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 2 August 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Helmut does not disclose uniquely associating the electronic file with an identifier linked to the computing device. The examiner points out that associating uniquely with an identifier linked to the computer device does not necessarily uniquely link the file to that device, but only to a specific identifier. This identifier can exist on any number of devices, and still be the only identifier associated with the file.

Conclusion

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACOB LIPMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Fr.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Jacob Lipman/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2134